

REMARKS

Claims 2-8, 11-13, 15, 18-22, and 29-32 have been amended. Claims 1, 9-10, 14, 16-17, and 23-28 have been canceled. New claims 33-36 have been added. Claims 2-8, 11-13, 15, 18-22, and 29-36 are pending.

The Abstract stand objected to. The Abstract has been amended to address the objection. Accordingly, the objection to the Abstract should be withdrawn.

The specification has been objected to because the trademark QUALCOMM® was not capitalized in paragraph [0018]. The specification has been amended to address the objection. Accordingly, the objection to the specification should be withdrawn.

The specification has been objected to at paragraph [0015], due to a spelling error. Paragraph [0015] has been amended to address the objection. Accordingly, the objection to the specification should be withdrawn.

Claims 2 and 6 stand objected to due to minor informalities. Claims 2 and 6 have been amended as suggested by the Office Action. Accordingly, the objection to claims 2 and 6 should be withdrawn.

Claims 17-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite due to issues arising from claims 17, 18, 19, 20, and 21. Claim 17 has been canceled. Claims 18-22 has been amended to address the rejection. Accordingly, the rejection to claim 17-22 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, should be withdrawn.

Claim 29-32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 29-32 have been amended to address the rejection. Accordingly, the rejection to claims 29-32 under 35 U.S.C. 101 should be withdrawn.

Claims 1-32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hubbard (U.S. Publication 2004/0190238). Claims 1, 9-10, 14, 16-17, and 23-28 have been canceled. New claims 33-36 are respectively similar to claims 1, 9, 10, and 17. This rejection, to the extent it applied to the non-canceled and new claims, is respectfully traversed.

Claim 33 and 36 recite, *inter alia*, “attempting to identify said peripheral device and if successfully identified, mapping from the successfully identified peripheral device to a corresponding one of said resident programs, or if not successfully identified, mapping from a communication protocol specified by said peripheral device to a corresponding one of said resident programs.”

Claim 34 recites, *inter alia*, “attempting to identify said peripheral device and if successfully identified, mapping from the successfully identified peripheral device to a corresponding one of said communication protocol means, or if not successfully identified, mapping from a communication protocol specified by said peripheral device to a corresponding communication protocol means.”

Claims 35 and 29 recite, *inter alia*, “attempting to identify said peripheral device; if successfully identified, mapping from said identified peripheral device to a corresponding one of said resident programs, or if not successfully identified, mapping from a communication protocol specified by said peripheral device to a corresponding one of said resident programs.”

Hubbard discloses a portable computer stand for providing ergonomic support to a computer while also providing a communication path between at least one peripheral and the portable computer. The Office Action alleges the subject matter claimed by the independent claims are disclosed by Hubbard at paragraphs [0049] – [0050]. However, these paragraphs merely state:

[0049] The invention relates generally to a stand and more particularly to a portable stand for providing a communication path between at least one peripheral device and a portable computer device and providing ergonomic support to the portable computer device including, but not limited to a portable computer such as a laptop or notebook computer generally comprising a display screen and a desktop base. Specifically, the invention contemplates positioning a portable computer in an ergonomic viewing position such as a fully opened state having the display screen of the portable computer oriented in a plane substantially parallel to a plane of the desktop base of the portable computer. Thus, according to one aspect of the invention, the portable computer may be ergonomically oriented in a substantially upright and/or substantially vertical position to facilitate relatively improved viewability by a single user and/or a group of individuals. The invention should, however, not necessarily be

restricted to the field of these applications, geometric features or materials as will be readily evident. In addition, the invention contemplates providing communication, such as a port replicator, a hub, a plurality of external media bays, and/or wireless communication path between a portable device recessed in the stand and at least one peripheral device. Specifically, the invention contemplates providing at least one electrical connector, at least one detachable module, and/or a transmitter and receiver pair for communicating between peripheral devices and a portable device recessed in the stand. The use of the same reference numerals in different drawings indicates similar or identical terms.

[0050] FIG. 1 is a perspective view of an exemplary embodiment of a portable computer stand 50 with a wireless communication path to a plurality of wireless peripheral devices 150. Such devices may include, but are not limited to a wireless printer, a wireless digital camera, a wireless scanner, a wireless mouse, a wireless full-size keyboard, a wireless foldable keyboard, wireless speakers, and/or wireless digital pen pad. The portable computer stand 50 may also include at least one electrical cable. The at least one electrical cable may be routed up the support 75 and may be coupled to a portable device recessed in the portable computer stand 50. In one exemplary embodiment, an electrical cable 152, such as a parallel port cable, a serial port cable, and/or a USB port cable may be routed up the support 75. In yet another exemplary embodiment, the electrical cable may be a power cord 154 provided to a portable computer recessed in the stand.

The above reproduced portions of Hubbard discloses a portable computer stand for a portable computer which provides for the use of either wired or wireless connections to corresponding peripheral devices. The Examiner alleges that the portable computer is equivalent to the claimed wireless device having a computer platform.

However, even if the Examiner's allegation is accepted, each independent claim, as amended, require the wireless device to attempt to identify the peripheral, and if successfully identified, the wireless device to link a resident program to the peripheral based upon the identification. If not successfully identified, the wireless device links a resident program to the peripheral based upon an identification by the peripheral of a communication protocol. These features are not disclosed or suggested by Hubbard. Accordingly, Hubbard fails to disclose or suggest the above quoted portions of independent claims 33-36 and 29.

Independent claims 33-36 and 29 are believed to be allowable over the prior art of record. The depending claims are allowable for at least the same reasons as their respective independent claims.

CONCLUSION

In light of the amendments contained herein, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance, for which early action is requested.

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